

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 11, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Similarly, effervescent excipients like calcium carbonates, are not required to be present in the inventive composition and are preferably excluded therefrom. The term effervescent excipient includes compounds that evolve gas. For instance, effervescent ~~couples~~ compounds evolve gas by means of chemical reactions that take place upon exposure of the effervescent couple to water and/or to saliva in the mouth. The bubble or gas generating reaction is most often the result of the reaction of a soluble acid source and alkali metal carbonate or carbonate source. The reaction of these two general classes of compounds produces carbon dioxide gas upon contact with water included in saliva.